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1. GA PLENARY--RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, CREDENTIALS, ANNUAL REPORTS

THE GA DEC. 20 ADOPTED COMITE 4-RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION ON SANCTIONS WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS CONDEMNED CONTINUING US IMPORTATION OF CHROME AND NICKEL FROM ZIMBABWE AND ASKED THE SC TO CONSIDER MEASURES WIDENING THE SCOPE OF THE SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SMITH REGIME BY VOTE OF 124-0-7 (BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG, ISRAEL, MALAWI, UK, US). BY CONSENSUS ANOTHER RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED WHICH EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA WOULD SUCCEED IN ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE. EIGHT RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA, ALSO RECOMMENDED BY COMITE 4, WERE ADOPTED, AND THE GA TOOK NOTE OF THE SYG'S ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.

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ALSO APPROVED WAS THE SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMITE, WHICH FOUND THE CREDENTIALS OF ALL DELEGATIONS IN ORDER. RESOLUTIONS ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AND ON A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WERE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING DEC. 21 TO GIVE REGIONAL GROUPS TIME FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS.

THE GA ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA: RESOLUTION I, DECIDED TO CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICA STRONGLY "FOR ITS PERSISTENT REFUSAL TO WITHDRAW FROM NAMIBIA AND FOR ITS MANEUVERS TO CONSOLIDATE ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THE TERRITORY" AND FOR ORGANIZING "THE SO-CALLED CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS AT WINDHOEK", AND URGED THE SC TO TAKE UP AGAIN THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA AND IMPOSE A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO--107-6 (BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG, LUXEMBOURG, UK, US)-12 (AUSTRIA, CANADA, DENMARK, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, MALAWI, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, SPAIN, SWEDEN, URUGUAY);

RESOLUTION II, ON PROGRAM OF WORK OF THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA--119-0-4(FRANCE, FRG, UK, US); RESOLUTION III, ON "INTENSIFICATION AND COORDINATION OF UN ACTION IN SUPPORT OF NAMIBIA", WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROVIDED FOR HOLDING OF HEARINGS BY THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ON THE EXPLOITATION OF URANIUM IN NAMIBIA--118-0-7(BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG, LUXEMBOURG, MALAWI, UK, US); RESOLUTION IV, ON ACTION BY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING NAMIBIA--120-0-7(BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, UK, US); RESOLUTION V, ON DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON NAMIBIA--123-0-4(FRANCE, FRG, UK, US);

RESOLUTION VI, ON THE UN FUND FOR NAMIBIA, UNDER WHICH THE GA DECIDED TO ALLOCATE \$300,000 FROM THE UN REGULAR BUDGET FOR THE FUND FOR 1977--WITHOUT OBJECTION; RESOLUTION VII, INVITING SWAPO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSION AND WORK OF THE GA, AS WELL AS ALL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES CONVND UNDER GA AUSPICES IN CAPACITY OF OBSERVER--113-0-13(EC-9, UNCLASSIFIED

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US, CANADA, EL SALVADOR, URUGUAY, WITH CHINA ABSENT DURING THIS VOTE); RESOLUTION VIII, CALLING ON THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, IN CONSULTATION WITH SWAPO, TO WORK OUT GUIDELINES AND POLICIES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR NAMIBIA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE NATIONHOOD PROGRAM--WITHOUT OBJECTION.

PRIOR TO THE VOTE ON RHODESIAN SANCTIONS, AMB SHERER EXPLAINED THAT WHILE THE US HAD VOTED "NO" IN COMITE 4, IT WOULD ABSTAIN IN PLENARY SO THAT ITS POSITION CONCERNING SANCTIONS WOULD NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD IN ANY WAY, EITHER BY THE SMITH REGIME OR BY THOSE WITH WHOM USDEL SHARED THE DEEP CONVICTION THAT MAJORITY RULE MUST AND WOULD PREVAIL IN AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. HE SAID HE WISHED TO MAKE IT EMPHATICALLY CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT ACCEPT THE ARBITRARY AND UNFAIR SINGLING OUT OF THE US FOR CONDEMNATION--A SINGLING OUT WHICH RESULTED FROM US HONESTY IN REPORTING SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS. IT WAS WELL KNOWN THAT MANY OTHER COUNTRIES INDULGED IN VIOLATIONS, BUT DID NOT REPORT THEM. SHERER REJECTED THIS APPLICATION OF A DOUBLE STANDARD. AS EVERYONE WAS AWARE, PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER WERE EXERTING EVERY EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS PETTY AND UNJUST FOT THE GA TO CRITICIZE THE US ALONE FOR SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS. FURTHER, SO THAT THERE NEVER AGAIN WOULD BE ANY MISUMDERSTANDING, THE US PUT THE GA ON NOTICE THAT ANY RESOLUTION IN THE FUTURE WHICH SPECIFICALLY CONTAINED A CONDEMNATION OF THE US WOULD RECEIVE USDEL'S NEGATIVE VOTE, HE STATED.

BEFORE THE GA NOTED THE SYG'S REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE

ORGANIZATION, ROSSIDES (CYPRUS) NOTED THAT THE SYG'S
INTRODUCTION TOUCHED ON THE VITAL POINT THAT HAD TO BE
CONSIDERED IN DEALING WITH THE "GROWING ANARCHY" IN THE WORLD
TODAY, AND IT ALSO FURTHER POINTED OUT THE WIDE DISCREPANCY
BETWEEN UNANIMITY ATTAINED IN SC OR GA DECISIONS AND THE
PRACTICAL EFFECTS THAT SUCH DECISIONS HAD.
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2. COMMITTEE 5--

COMMITTEE 5 HELD ONE MEETING DEC. 16, TWO MEETINGS DEC. 17, AND ONE MEETING DEC. 19, AND WAS TOLD BY USYG DAVIDSON THAT THE GA WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTENDED BY AT LEAST ONE DAY TO PERMIT THE COMITE TO ACT ON A MINIMUM OF 15 OF ITS REMAINING 21 ITEMS. DURING THE THREE DAYS, THE COMITE TOOK ACTION ON NUMEROUS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS DOCUMENTS, AND AGREED TO AMEND REGULATIONS AND RULES OF THE PENSION FUND TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP FROM SIX TO NINE. IT ALSO CLARIFIED REDUCTION FACTOR FOR THOSE WITH LESS THAN 25 YEARS OF SERVICE, APPROVED ADDITIONAL SURVIVOR AND DISABILITY BENEFITS, AND EXTENDED CREDITABLE SERVICE TO 32 YEARS. VOTE ON COMBINED RESOLUTION ON PENSION SYSTEM (L.44), REQUESTED BY USSR, WAS 79(US)-0-12. MEMBERSHIP OF THE INVESTMENT COMITE WAS INCREASED. BEFORE DRAFT RESOLUTION GRANTING PENSION COVERAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE JOING INSPECTION UNIT RETROACTIVELY AND IN THE FUTURE (L.42) WAS PASSED 59(US)-12 (JAPAN, POLAND, USSR)-6, JAPANESE AMENDMENT TO SEPARATE THE VOTE INTO TWO PARTS TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE COVERAGE AND RETROACTIVE COVERAGE WAS DEFEATED 19-21(US)-30. CUBAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (L.38) REQUESTING THE SYG TO ENSURE THAT RESOURCES WHICH THE UN JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND HOLDS INVESTED IN SHARES IN TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS BE INVESTED DIRECTLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON SAFE AND PROFITABLE TERMS WAS ADOPTED 34(SOVIET BLOC)-26(US)-22. NICARAGUAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (L.48) WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMITE, AND IT WAS DECIDED 23-29(US, SOVIET BLOC)-22 NOT TO CONSIDER IT.

THE COMITE TOOK UP ASPECTS OF THE STRIKE AT THE UN OFFICE IN GENEVA, AND CANADA INTRODUCED A DRAFT RESOLUTION (L.36/REV.1) WHICH WOULD HAVE ICSC "CAUSE A SURVEY OF LOCAL EMPLOYMENT
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CONDITIONS IN GENEVA TO BE MADE..." JAPAN PROPOSED THE GA DECIDE THAT NO SALARY BE PAID TO STAFF FOR UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCES FROM WORK UNLESS FOR CERTIFIED MEDICAL REASONS. OTHER AMENDMENTS WERE PROPOSED BY BELGIUM AND USSR, AND USYG DEBATIN DEFENDED UN ACTION IN SETTLING THE STRIKE LAST SPRING. DUE TO THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR AND LACK OF QUORUM, THE DEBATE WAS SUSPENDED UNTIL ANOTHER MEETING.

IN DISCUSSION OF UNIDO, USSR EXPRESSED DISAGREEMENT WITH "LARGE-SCALE PRACTICE OF THIS YEAR" OF APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN VIOLATION OF PRINCIPLE OF PROGRAM BUDGET AND SAID, HAD THERE BEEN A VOTE ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS IN QUESTION, USSR WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST IT. THE COMITE COMMENCED DISCUSSION OF UTILIZATION OF DONAUPARK IN VIENNA WITH A STATEMENT BY AUSTRIA. (USUN 6282, 6283, 6286, 6287)

3. G-77 PROPOSES RESUMED GA--

THE G-77 ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE DEC. 20, AND MADE IT DE FACTO PART OF THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE 31ST SESSION BY DELIVERING IT TO THE UN, WHICH STATES THAT THE G-77 CONSIDERS THE PRESENT SESSION SHOULD NOT BE CLOSED ON THE SCHEDULED DATE BUT RESUMED EARLY IN 1977 TO CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF THE CONCLUDING MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND OTHER RELEVANT NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDERWAY. THE LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE POINTED OUT THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE CIEC AROSE FROM THE GROUP OF 8, AND THE GROUP OF 19, WHICH WAS PREPARED TO MEET ON THE ORIGINAL DATES, ACCEPTED THE POSTPONEMENT IN VIEW OF THE ARGUMENT OF SOME INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES OF THE GROUP OF 8 THEY WERE UNABLE TO ASSUME THE POLITICAL POSITION WHICH WILL ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE AND THAT EARLY IN THE NEXT YEAR PROSPECTS APPEAR FAVORABLE. IT FURTHER STATES THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED AFTER A WHOLE YEAR THAT NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN REGISTERED AT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CIEC, AND EXPECT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES EARLY IN 1977 TO DEMONSTRATE THE NECESSARY POLITICAL WILL AND VISION REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL AND REAL PROGRESS AND PROMOTE SOLUTIONS TO THE GRAVE AND URGENT PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE WORLD ECONOMY. (USUN 6271)

4. CONFIRMATION OF UNCTAD SYG--

UNSYG HAS CIRCULATED NOTE (A/31/453) WHICH PROPOSES THREE-YEAR EXTENTION FOR COREA AS UNCTAD SYG. PERIOD WOULD BEGIN

APRIL 1, 1977, AND ITEM MAY SURFACE FOR PLENARY CONSIDERATION
AS EARLY AS DEC. 21. (USUN 6268)

5. UN MEETINGS DEC. 21--

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